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Applicant:	MURATA	Examiner:	LYLE, A.
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Title:	ANALYZER-SUPPLYING DEVICE		

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

Applicant respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention that one of the references listed on the enclosed Form SB08 was cited in an Office Action received in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application. A copy of the Office Action, mailed 17 August 2010, is enclosed herewith. Applicant advises that JP 2000-35433, which corresponds to JP 3393403 cited in the Japanese Office Action, was disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 20 April 2006. Further, US 5,556,597, which corresponds to JP 7-306206 cited in the Japanese Office Action, was disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 20 April 2006. Lastly, JP 61-111445, which corresponds to JP 6-65990 cited in the Japanese Office Action, was disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 20 April 2006.

However, upon review, Applicant notes that JP 61-111445 and JP 3036353 disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 20 April 2006 were not considered by the Examiner even though corresponding US family members were provided. For convenience, Applicant has listed JP 61-111445 and JP 3036353 and the respective corresponding family members on the Form SB08 filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that, pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, the attached Form SB08, initiated by the Examiner and marked as being considered, be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract is provided for JP 62-104606. US 4,876,204 corresponds to JP 61-111445. US 5,556,597 corresponds to JP 3036353

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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STATEMENT

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- ☒ Each newly cited item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application or by the USPTO in a related application not more than three months prior to the filing date of the Information Disclosure Statement

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☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form SB08, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

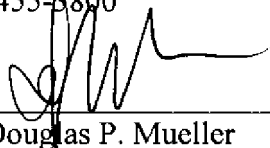
FEE AUTHORIZATION

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